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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Opening of the session

In accordance with rule 23.2 of the rules of procedure (UNIDO/3/Rev.1), the session will be opened by the President of the twenty-fifth session, Mr. I. Horváth (Hungary).

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session, as adopted by the Board at its twenty-fifth session (IDB.25/Dec.11), is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.26/1.

Item 2. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative". The report of the Committee on the work of its eighteenth session will be reflected in document IDB.26/13. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the Committee (PBC.18/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

2 (a) Report of the External Auditor, financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 2000-2001

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Industrial Development Fund and trust funds for the financial period 2000-2001 ended 31 December 2001 (IDB.26/2-PBC.18/3)
- Comments of the Director-General on the report of the External Auditor (IDB.26/3-PBC.18/4)
- Financial performance report for the biennium 2000-2001. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.26/5-PBC.18/6)
- Programme performance report for 2001 (included in the Annual Report 2001) (IDB.25/2-PBC.18/2 and Add.1)
- Conclusion 2002/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.26/13)

2 (b) Financial situation of UNIDO

At its twenty-fifth session, the Board authorized the Director-General to negotiate a payment plan with Azerbaijan and requested him to report theron at its twenty-sixth session (IDB.25/Dec.6). Also under this item, the Programme and Budget Committee at its eighteenth session, having considered the report of the Director-General on the financial situation,

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recommended to the Board the adoption of a draft decision. Thus the Board will have before it:

- Proposed payment plan for Azerbaijan. Report by the Director-General (issuance of document pending communication from Azerbaijan)
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.26/9-PBC.18/10), to be updated in a conference room paper
- Conclusion 2002/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.26/13)

2 (c) Financial regulations

At its twenty-fourth session, the Board decided to extend the mandate of the Intersessional working group on proposed amendments to the financial regulations, under the chairmanship of Austria, to submit proposed amendments to the financial regulations to the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.24/Dec.7 (d)). An overview report containing a chronology on the work of the group since its inception was circulated to permanent missions with an information note dated 27 March 2002, and the working group met on 4 April 2002. Owing to views expressed on that occasion, no further meetings of the working group were scheduled.

2 (d) Mobilization of financial resources

- Mobilization of financial resources for UNIDO programmes. Report by the Director-General (IDB.26/6-PBC.18/7)
- Financial resources—Funds mobilization. Annual Report 2001 (IDB.25/2, chap. V.A.)
- Project approvals under voluntary contributions. Annual Report 2001 (IDB.25/2, appendix B)
- Conclusion 2002/5 of the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.26/13)

2 (e) Transition to a single currency system

- Transition to a single currency system. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.26/4-PBC.18/5)
- Conclusion 2002/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.26/13)

Item 3. Programmatic review, including system-wide issues

3 (a) UNIDO participation in major international events

In its resolution GC.9/Res.3, the General Conference stressed the importance of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002) and requested the Director-General to provide a follow-up report to the Board. Subsequently, at its twenty-fifth session the Board adopted decision IDB.25/Dec.8 which, inter alia, urged the Director-General to continue his efforts to enhance UNIDO's profile and to enhance cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, and requested the Director-General to report to its twenty-sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO participation in major international events. Report by the Director-General (IDB.26/12)

3 (b) Implementation of medium-term programme framework, 2002-2005, including field representation and technology foresight

The General Conference at its ninth session adopted a medium-term programme framework for the period 2002-2005 (GC.9/Res.2), and requested the Director-General to report to the Conference at its tenth session, through the Board, on the implementation of that resolution. The Board will have before it the following interim report:

- Implementation of medium-term programme framework, 2002-2005. Report by the Director-General (IDB.26/7-PBC.18/8)
- UNIDO strategy paper (information provided under item 4 below). Note by Japan (IDB.26/15)

3 (c) Global Biotechnology Forum

As Task Manager for Chapter 16 of Agenda 21, and jointly with the Government of Chile, UNIDO is convening a Global Biotechnology Forum at Concepción, Chile, in late 2003. The aim is to review policy, institutional and socio-economic issues that pertain to the development of and access to appropriate biotechnology for sustainable development. The Forum will also consider mechanisms to facilitate technology transfer to the public and private sectors. Information on the event was provided to permanent missions at a briefing on 21 June 2002, and will be summarized in the following document:

- Biotechnology Global Forum. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.26/10)

Item 4. Medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007

In accordance with General Conference decision GC.2/Dec.23, and as subsequently modified in decision GC.6/Dec.10, the Director-General is requested to

submit to the Board in the first year of each fiscal period, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for the four years that follow the current fiscal period.

Also within the context of this item, as well as item 3 (b), and based on an initiative of the delegation of Japan announced to the Board at its twenty-fifth session, a UNIDO strategy paper will be issued to the session.

The Board will have before it:

- Medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.26/8-PBC.18/9)

- UNIDO strategy paper. Note by Japan. (IDB.26/15)

Item 5. Personnel matters

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system.

By decision GC.1/Dec.37 the General Conference accepted the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In its decision GC.9/Dec.19, the Conference elected two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2002-2003. Both of the member posts have become vacant upon the departure from Vienna of the incumbents, and the Board may wish to proceed with the election for those posts for the remainder of the term in accordance with Conference decision GC.9/Dec.19, paragraph (c).

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.26/11)

Item 6. Consultations with non-Member States

In decision IDB.25/Dec.2 adopted at its twenty-fifth session, the Board requested the Director-General to begin consultations with non-Member States with a view to encouraging them to join/rejoin the Organization. Information on the status of consultations will be provided in the following document:

- Consultations with non-Member States. Report by the Director-General (IDB.26/14)

Item 7. Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-seventh session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-seventh session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.26/CRP.3)

Item 8. Adoption of the report